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(U) Sacramento – Eight Molotov Cocktails Found in Car of West Sacramento Arson Suspect

(U) Authorities arrested Sacramento resident Shawn Nailah Haynessay, 47, a West Sacramento arson suspect, after discovering a large fire along the levee. Crews battled a vegetation fire near the Sherwood Harbor Marina on Tuesday. Witnesses told police that someone intentionally started the fire. Officers caught up to Haynessay as they left the area in a car. West Sacramento police say a search of the Haynessay's vehicle uncovered a total of eight suspected Molotov cocktails as well as other materials that could be used to make incendiary devices. This prompted the Yolo County Bomb Squad to respond to the scene to safely neutralize the items. Police say investigators have not identified a motive.

SOURCE: 12 May 2021, [Newsbreak](#)

(U) San Marino – Man Who Drove Through Pasadena Protest Crowd Pleads Guilty to Felonies

(U) Benjamin Jong Ren Hung, 28, pleaded guilty to 11 felony charges after he drove a truck through a crowd of Black Lives Matter protesters in Pasadena last year. Hung admitted to participating in a multi-year conspiracy to make false statements to firearms dealers in Oregon and to illegally transport weapons to California. He provided cash to a co-conspirator in Oregon to buy handguns for him and to falsely state to being the actual buyer. The co-conspirator then delivered the firearms to Hung in California. Hung also admitted that he engaged in the scheme to obtain the weapons and evade California's firearms registration laws. He further acknowledged illegally possessing three unregistered short-barreled semiautomatic rifles, which authorities seized from his family's Lodi home last September. Prosecutors said Hung used his family's vineyard in Lodi as a tactical training camp and gun range to prepare for civil disorders.

SOURCE: 12 May 2021, [Pasadena Star](#)

(U) Santa Ana – Department of Defense Contractor Accused of Selling Air Force Data

(U) An employee of a US Department of Defense contractor and another man were arrested Wednesday on suspicion of participating in a scheme to steal and sell sensitive US Air Force technical data. Sarfraz Yousuf, 43, of Miramar, Florida, is accused of acquiring 1,875 Air Force documents while working for Summit Aerospace Inc., a Miami-based aircraft maintenance company. Yousuf, earned more than \$130,000 from selling the documents to Marc Chavez, 53, a Southern California man who illegally resold the data to his customers. Chavez acquired the information on behalf of LTC Products, an aerospace data company that he ran out of his home in Trabuco Canyon, south of Los Angeles. The documents involved in the case cover installation, operation, maintenance, and handling of Air Force equipment and material, according to the affidavit.

SOURCE: 12 May 2021, [AP News](#)

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(U) District of Columbia – Babuk Ransomware Gang Posts DC Metro Police Data

(U) Washington DC – The Babuk ransomware gang has reignited its feud with the Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Department by posting what it says is an additional 22GB of stolen data. In April,

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the police department acknowledged it had been the victim of a cyber incident, but it had not confirmed any contact with the attackers. The latest data dump on Tuesday followed what the Babuk gang portrays as a breakdown in ransom negotiations on Monday. The gang also posted what it claims is the transcript of its conversation with the police department regarding paying the ransom. The initial demand was for \$4 million, which the department said could not be paid, but it made a counter offer, according to Babuk's posting. Cyber threat intelligence analysts believe the released data to be legitimate.

SOURCE: 12 May 2021, [GovInfoSecurity](#)

(U) New York – Brooklyn Man Gets 20-Years in Prison in Subway Terror Case

(U) New York City – Zachary Clark, 42, a Brooklyn man who prosecutors say twice pledged allegiance to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and encouraged deadly “lone-wolf” attacks in New York City’s subways, was sentenced to 20-years in prison. The judge in Clark’s hearing said she wanted to send the message that providing or attempting to provide materials or support to a foreign terrorist organization will result in a very long time in jail. Clark tried to persuade Buchwald that he had reformed himself behind bars since November 2019 but the judge remained unconvinced. Clark pleaded guilty in August to attempting to provide support to ISIS. The 20-year sentence was the maximum.

SOURCE: 12 May 2021, [AP News](#)

(U) Texas – Authorities Seize \$3.4 Million Worth of Drugs, Including Methamphetamine

(U) Houston – Investigators with Homeland Security Investigations conducted what they say could possibly be the largest meth seizure ever recorded in the city of Houston. Authorities seized 1,789-pounds of methamphetamines in the north Houston area, as well as large quantities of other narcotics. According to authorities, the street value of the seizure is approximately \$3.4 million. There is no word on arrests or if any charges will be filed.

SOURCE: 12 May 2021, [ABC13](#)

(U) Virginia – Man Admits to Entering US Capitol on 6 January and Stealing Government Property

(U) Chesapeake – A Williamsburg man who was caught on camera in the US Capitol during the 6 January siege faces multiple charges. Ryan Seth Suleski was arrested in Chesapeake and faces charges of knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol Grounds, obstruction of justice/Congress, aiding and abetting, and theft and government property. The FBI says it was able to identify Suleski through TikTok videos that showed Suleski discussing his participation in the riots. One video, which was recorded by another user and shared, showed Suleski on camera claiming he was in the “initial wave of people that forced our way into the Capitol building,” and that he was “tear gas grenaded” and “hit with some rubber bullets.”

SOURCE: 13 May 2021, [WAVY](#)

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(U) Indonesia – Terrorists Linked to ISIS Kill Four Christians in Poso

(U) Jakarta – East Indonesia Mujahideen, an extremist group linked to ISIS is being blamed for killing four Christians in the Poso area. Two victims were found beheaded in a field they owned. Two more bodies were found two-kilometers away. The East Indonesia Mujahideen were also responsible for the murders of four other Christians in November 2020. A spokesperson for Indonesian President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo condemned the incident, promising that the terrorists responsible for the attack would be caught. The secretary general of the Protestant Synod in Indonesia, told the news that terrorists use brutal methods such as beheading to intimidate Poso farmers and keep them away from their farmland.

SOURCE: 12 May 2021, [AsiaNews](#)

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(U) Israel – Militants Launch Wave of Rocket Attacks after Senior Hamas Commander Killed in Airstrike

(U) Jerusalem – Hamas militants have launched another series of rocket attacks at Israel after one of the group's commanders in Gaza was killed in an airstrike. Bassem Issa, one of Hamas's most senior leaders, was killed overnight by Israeli forces as some of the worst violence in the region since the 2014 war. At least 83 people in Gaza, including 17 children, and seven in Israel have been killed since violence flared on Monday, with the UN warning the conflict risks "escalating towards a full-scale war." Muslims celebrating Eid al-Fitr in the region were urged to mark communal prayers inside their homes or the nearest mosques and avoid being out in the open.

SOURCE: 13 May 2021, [SkyNews](#)

(U) Italy – Jailed Imam Charged with Terrorist Propaganda

(U) Alessandria – A jailed Muslim preacher who led Friday prayers in an Italian prison has been hit with new charges of spreading terrorist propaganda. The Moroccan national has been charged with incitement to commit acts of terrorism and crimes motivated by racial, ethnic, and religious hatred. Preaching in a prison in Alessandria in north-west Italy while himself an inmate between July 2020 and March 2021, he would urge prisoners to wage "armed jihad against the infidels," a statement said. The imam also used to celebrate al-Qa'ida and its late leader Osama bin Laden, railed against Jews, called for the Vatican to be destroyed, and praised several terrorist attacks, it said. The accused is now detained in a different prison, Italian police said. Police did not disclose why he was first incarcerated.

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